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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with Form 1449, incorporated herein by reference, to bring to the Examiner's attention the references listed herein.

**U.S. Patents**

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**Foreign Patents**

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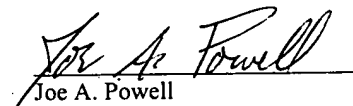
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1. ASTM Designation: D 2240-95, "Standard Test Method for Rubber Property - Durometer Hardness", 1995, pages 403-406.

The references listed herein were recently cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding PCT application and brought to Applicants attention within the last three months. Applicants have provided an English translation of the two German publications. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with an indication that such information has been considered. Applicants believe that no fee is due.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1501 for any fee due herewith. A duplicate of the transmittal letter is enclosed.

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